

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2022 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED MEETING

The City of Hopewell City Council held a Special Closed Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Patience Bennett, Mayor (Ward 7)
John B. Partin, Jr., Vice Mayor (Ward 3)
Deborah Randolph, Councilor (Ward 1)
Arlene Holloway, Councilor (Ward 2)
Janice B. Denton, Councilor (Ward 5)
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor (Ward 6)

STAFF: Danielle Ferguson Smith, City Attorney
Dr. Concetta Manker, City Manager
Lois Gabriel, Interim, City Clerk Pro Tem

Vice-Mayor Partin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Partin asked if there was a motion to go into close session.

Councilor Randolph motioned to go into close session and seconded by Vice Mayor Partin, pursuant to Va. Code Section §2.2-3711(A) (&) to discuss potential litigation: Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (8) to discuss specific legal advice and Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (19) to discuss issues of public safety.

Councilor Denton questioned the items being discussed in closed session and stated she was not aware of the litigation portion of the meeting. Vice Mayor Partin explained that it was information that was not discussed in the previous closed session that was not advertised correctly.

Roll Call:	Mayor Bennett	-	-
	Vice Mayor Partin	-	Yes
	Councilor Denton	-	No
	Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
	Councilor Randolph	-	Yes

Motion Passes: 4-1

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

At 8:13 p.m. Vice Mayor Partin motioned to have Council come out of closed session. His motion was seconded by Mayor Bennett.

Roll Call:	Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
	Vice Mayor Partin	-	Yes

Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Councilor Randolph	-	Yes

Motion Passes: 6-0

CERTIFICATION

Certification pursuant to Va. Code §2.2-3712 (D): Were only public business matters (1) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (2) identified in the closed-meeting motion discussed in closed meeting?

Roll Call:	Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
	Vice Mayor Partin	-	Yes
	Councilor Denton	-	Yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
	Councilor Randolph	-	Yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	Yes

Motion Passes: 6-0

Vice Mayor Partin motioned to amend the FY23 Budget with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for City Council to appropriate a total of \$400,000.00 to Capital Fund (Fund 071) to deploy digital technologies throughout the city. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham and upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Roll Call:	Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
	Vice Mayor Partin	-	Yes
	Councilor Denton	-	Yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
	Councilor Randolph	-	Yes

Motion Passes: 6-0

ADJOURN

By rule of Council, this meeting ended at 8:16 p.m.



Lois A. Gabriel, City Clerk Pro Tem



Patience Bennett, Mayor